

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1.) A method of dampening underwater energy from an energy source, comprising generating bubbles at different depths around said source.
- 2.) An underwater energy dampening device, comprising:
 - a first bubble producing unit; and
 - a second bubble producing unit, said second bubble producing unit being vertically spaced from said first bubble producing unit.
- 3.) The device according to claim 2, additionally comprising one or more means for supplying gas to said first bubble producing unit and to said second bubble producing unit.
- 4.) The device according to claim 3, additionally comprising a spine for supporting said first bubble producing unit and said second bubble producing unit.
- 5.) The device according to claim 4, wherein said first bubble producing unit comprises:
 - a tube support frame attached to said spine; and
 - a tube with holes, said tube being placed within said frame.
- 6.) The device according to claim 5, wherein said means for supplying gas to said first bubble producing unit and said second bubble producing unit comprises:
 - at least one compressor; and
 - tubing attached to said compressor and to said first bubble producing unit and to said second bubble producing unit.
- 7.) The device according to claim 6, additionally comprising a frame for removable attachment to the top of said spine.
- 8.) The device according to claim 7, wherein said first bubble producing unit is vertically spaced from between three and five meters from said second bubble producing unit.

- 9.) The device according to claim 8, additionally comprising a third bubble producing unit, said third bubble producing unit being vertically spaced from said first bubble producing unit and from said second bubble producing unit.
- 10.) The device according to claim 9, additionally comprising a fourth bubble producing unit, said fourth bubble producing unit being vertically spaced from said first bubble producing unit, from said second bubble producing unit, and from said third bubble producing unit.
- 11.) A method of dampening energy from an underwater project, comprising:
substantially surrounding a project with vertically spaced bubble producing units; and
producing bubbles through said units.
- 12.) A method for dampening energy that is generated from an underwater energy source, comprising:
providing at least two devices according to claim 2;
surrounding said energy source with said devices; and
producing bubbles through said devices.
- 13.) The method according to claim 12, wherein at least three devices according to claim 2 are provided and used to create bubbles.
- 14.) The method according to claim 13, wherein at least four devices according to claim 2 are provided and used to create bubbles.
- 15.) A system for dampening energy from an underwater project, comprising:
a plurality of vertically-spaced bubble producing units;
means for supporting said bubble producing units; and
means for providing a gas to said bubble producing units.